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PATENT FOR TRADITIONAL MEDICINES AND PLANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a digital Library containing a collection of 30,000 items of Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines, herbs, various food spices and plants has been set up to implement the scheme to get traditional medicines and plants patented;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be opened for common people; and

(c) the time by which the patent scheme is likely to be started on the basis of the collections contained in the library?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): Government is establishing Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) covering 35000 Ayurvedic formulations, in the first phase. Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TDKL) will establish prior-art of the existing traditional knowledge and prevent patent of medicinal use of non-original inventions existing already in public domain. The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TDKL) for Ayurveda is expected to be completed this year. Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) for Unani and Siddha will be taken up later.